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SCOTT HOLDS TOWN HALL MEETING ON DETROIT SCHOOL BOARD CONTROL

(LANSING) – State Senator Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) will join with Detroit Councilwoman JoAnn Watson to host a Town Hall meeting on Monday, October 11, 6 – 8 p.m. at Detroit’s Second Ebenezer Baptist Church, concerning the Detroit School Board ballot proposal. On November 2, a referendum known as Proposal E, will be placed before the voters of Detroit. Before city residents make a decision on the school board governance issue, Sen. Scott is inviting the public to discuss the merits of the proposal.

“The people want complete control over the school board just as any other community in Michigan,” Sen. Scott said. “When they took our vote away in 1999, they promised to give us the option to regain it. Now is the time for us to retake control of our schools.”

The state of Michigan grabbed control of the Detroit Public Schools in 1999. At that time, a law was written to allow, after five years, citizens of Detroit the vote to retain the state-run school board or return to a fully-empowered, autonomous board elected by popular vote.

In August, a compromise bill changing the choice for Detroiters became law. Now residents will have to choose between a hybrid board made up of an appointed CEO and elected board members or returning to an elected school board with full powers.

Sen. Scott vehemently fought against the new option, which she says violates the spirit of the original law.

For further information on the Town Hall meeting, please call (800) SCOTT-78. Media inquiries, please contact Sen. Scott at (517) 373-7748.

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Senator Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.